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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 335  
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Matthew Barnes for outstanding work as an intern.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain legislative interns who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Barnes has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for Representative Jere L. Hargrove, Majority Leader; his efforts resulted in untold benefits for the member he served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at Tennessee Technological University, Matthew Barnes has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary young man is also a 1993 honors graduate of Dekalb County High School, where he served astutely and with dedication as a member of the varsity basketball team, French club, student council, science club, drama club, senior play, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and chorus; and

WHEREAS, from the very first day he reported to work, Matthew proved to be a quick study in the nuances of the legislative branch of government; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has time and again gone beyond the normal call of duty, staying late when his services were critical to the well-being of millions of Tennesseans, and offering to undertake any task which might further the goals and well-being of the Majority Leader; and

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WHEREAS, despite maintaining a mild-mannered disposition and unflappable demeanor, Matthew has, on occasion, revealed himself to be a man of considerable passion, particularly for younger members of the fairer sex; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, which is of course fleeting, Matthew has evidenced a voracious appetite for crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS, Matthew helped keep the members of the majority caucus abreast of breaking news and critical policy developments through the daily production of the Tennessee news clippings; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has particularly enjoyed his Friday intern meetings, which has put just the right finishing touch on each week of work; and

WHEREAS, in the annual legislators vs. interns basketball game, Matthew put on a clinic, leaving every spectator in awe of his athletic prowess and ballhandling ability; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 legislative session of the 100th General Assembly, Matthew Barnes has exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated legislative intern; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Matthew Barnes for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Majority Leader, Representative Jere L. Hargrove and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.